

REMARKS

Claims 2-18 and 20-49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 27 for clarity. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Grainger in the November 13 telephone interview. Applicant incorporates a separate record of the substance of the interview into the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 2-18 and 20-26 are allowed (Office Action Summary). Applicant also appreciates the indication that claims 27-49 are allowable (Office Action, p. 2).

Claims 27-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The rejection alleges that the claimed cartridge frame is unsupported in the claims and specification. As agreed during the November 13 telephone interview, the "cartridge frame" recited in claim 27, corresponds to the disclosed developing device case 55. Thus, claim 27, and claims 28-49 depending therefrom, are definite. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

During the telephone interview, Examiner Grainger indicated that she believed that portions of claim 27, which were not addressed in the Office Action, may be unclear. By this amendment, claim 27 is amended for clarity. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 27 is clear.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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